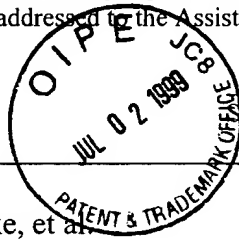


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Serial No.: 09/267,176 Filing Date: March 12, 1999  
Group Art No.: 2761 Examiner: To Be Assigned  
Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR A UTILITY  
PROCESSING SYSTEM

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted  
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Enclosed herewith for filing are the following:

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Surcharge for late payment of filing fee and/or late filing of original declaration or oath	\$130.00
Total completion of application fees	\$130.00
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An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE** within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). **If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the SURCHARGE set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.**

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- ☐ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

- ☐ missing.  
☐ insufficient.

Applicant must submit \$\_\_\_\_\_ to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).

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- ☒ 3. The oath or declaration:

- ☒ is missing or unsigned.  
☐ does not cover the newly submitted items.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

- ☐ 4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

- ☐ 5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

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- ☐ 6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

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- ☐ 8. The application was filed in a language other than English.

Applicant must file a verified English translation of the application, the \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(k), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).

- ☐ 9. OTHER:

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